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Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command Awards Contract

SAN DIEGO — Stratos Mobile Networks USA, LLC of Bethesda, Maryland is being awarded a not-to-exceed \$48,041,910 competitive indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract for up to 3,150 channel months (consisting of up to 75 channels per month for up to 42 months) of INMARSAT-B High Speed Data Channel leases. This contract will provide INMARSAT-B 64Kbps service to the U.S. Navy's battlegroups (Carl Vinson, Constellation, Enterprise, George Washington, John F. Kennedy, John C. Stennis, Kitty Hawk, Abraham Lincoln, Nimitz, Theodore Roosevelt, and Harry S. Truman) their associated amphibious readiness groups as well as to other U.S. Navy ships supporting U.S. interests world-wide. The Leased Channel Mode service will provide global ship-to-ship, ship-to-shore, and shore-to-ship communications and will be used for voice, video, and data communications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This contract includes emergency dial-up provisions and terrestrial connectivity to Navy communications stations in Norfolk, Va., Wahiawa, Hawaii, and Naples, Italy. Work will be performed in Bethesda, Maryland (5 percent); Laurentides, Canada (35 percent); Netley, New Zealand (30 percent); and Goonhilly, England (30 percent), and will be completed by June 2004. This contract results from United States Court of Federal Claims Order No. 99-402C which directed that a second round of final, competitive price evaluations between Stratos Mobile Networks USA, LLC and COMSAT Mobile Communications be conducted under solicitation N00039-99-R-3201. Contract performance is the subject of an appeal pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Accordingly, performance of the contract will begin, if at all, no earlier than January 1, 2001; the contract was also awarded subject to the availability of Fiscal Year 2001 funds. If issued, the first delivery order will be for no less than \$1,218,320 which equates to 20 channels per month for four months (or 80 channel months). The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego is the contracting activity (N00039-00-D-3208).

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